

WASHOE CITY WIPED OUT BY AUTO WHISKEY LAW

When the state of Nevada decided that a dry experiment was necessary for the morals of the people it reached out far and wide. Small settlements that existed by the cup that cheers found that soda water and near beer did not reach the parched throat of the wayfarer. These accommodations shops, which carried a line of merchandise along with the wet goods in the rear of the store have gradually folded up their tents and there is not even a sign of "let" decorating the establishments, as there is nothing to let.

The last remnant of the once glorious prosperity of Washoe City perished with the edict. The Smith boys, who have for years maintained a general merchandise shop and wet superior at the end of the street, have sold out their stock in trade, shut up shop and the last breath of real life has departed from one of the first settlements of note in Nevada.

Washoe City flourished with the advent of the discovery of the Comstock lode. It was found by the early settlers that wood and water were handy. It was also an intermediate point between the settlements on the Truckee meadow and Carson City. Then someone conceived the idea of utilizing the water power and the timber that edged the valley. The Washoe mill was then built at point on the north end of little Washoe Lake. Other mills soon were erected and before Washoe City realized its importance a city had grown. It is stated that fully six thousand people made their homes in this end of the valley. Seven mills crushing Comstock ore were soon in operation. First the big Washoe mill, then the Temble and down at Ophir a few miles to the south the big Ophir mill.

Wells Fargo established offices with pony express, lawyers crowded in and the grade was built into Virginia City. One of the big undertakings was to bridge the tule fields from the east to the west side of the lake. This was done by driving piles over two miles across the mud flats. The ore from the Comstock was transported across this bridge, and it is of but recent date that the lake way leading from Franktown, where the Dail mill was situated to the east side of the lake was fit for travel.

Washoe City from 1860 to '68 was of as much importance on the map as Virginia City. Two daily newspapers were published. It is said that the late Tom Fitch was editor in chief of one. The "Pahutah" was one of the papers and either Fitch or J. H. Lovejoy edited the paper. The other paper later moved to Reno with John C. Lewis, but being ahead of the times, and too vigorous in its editorial remarks died a natural death.

When the V. & T. came through and entered the Comstock the mills gradually moved to points along the Carson river. The timbering and sawmills endeavored to keep in the race, but the establishment of the V. & T. from Glenbrook summit to Carson put the town out of business. The people of Washoe county decided that Washoe City was no place for the county government and voted it to Reno. This was the real knell, as the county officers moved themselves and the belongings of the new

county seat at Reno.

A few of the pioneers of this section remember Washoe City in its glory. They all declare that it was the real article. The theater had a place from this and other settlements played nightly engagements in Washoe. Then Mark Twain came along and spent some time in the milling camp. He recorded his views in his description of a Washoe Zephyr. It has stuck ever since and zephyrs now sweep a flat where the city once stood.

One old timer related a prize fight he witnessed during the days of Washoe. It was between an Irishman and a Mexican. There were no Queensberry rules. When it was finished the Mexican was down and out. He was out for all times, as the final punch on the jaw broke his neck. Many shooting scrapes are recorded in the City of Washoe and many of the pioneers can recite whole pages of this town that has gone back to the dust.

There is yet a whistling post and a few stone buildings that refuse to give way to decay, monuments of the past and landmarks for the future.

When the Smith boys packed up their belongings and declared that Washoe City has worn out its usefulness, and that it was no place for a white man to traffic, when the town was condemned and thrusts handed for the real live water which could not be served, then Washoe City gasped its final breath. It has passed into the history leaves of Nevada.

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BOYS ESCAPE FROM SCHOOL

After putting the telephone out of commission in such a way that it took an expert to repair it, Dick Brown and William M. Batt, two boys confined in the industrial school at Elko, made their escape Saturday night and apparently headed east.

Brown was a trusty at the school and had charge of the pumping plant. Superintendent Milne of the school was called to Elko early in the evening. When Brown went to turn off the pumps for the night he took Batt with him, and it was an hour later before it was discovered that the boys had escaped. Not only had they put the telephone out of commission, but they had also tampered with the car belonging to the school and it would not run.

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Notice of Application for Permission to Appropriation of the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.
Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of February 1919, in accordance with Section 59, Chapter 149, of the Statutes of 1913, one L. G. M. Souther, of Beatty, County of Nye, and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such appropriation is to be made from Phillipsburg Springs, at a point approximately in N. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4, Sec. 2, T. 8 S., R. 14 E., M. D. B. & M. unsurveyed land, by means of excavations and open cuts, and one-fourth cubic foot per second is to be conveyed to approximately N. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4, Sec. 2, T. 8 S., R. 14 E., M. D. B. & M. by means of pipes, ditches, tanks or troughs, and there used for stock watering and domestic purposes. Water not to be returned to stream. (Signed) J. G. SCRIGHAM, State Engineer.
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east to Divide, west to Paymaster canyon, north to Lone Mountain and south to Alkali. The claim owners present at the organization meeting were W. S. Phillips, chairman; R. S. Wilburn, J. R. Richardson, Al McCoy, F. E. Schultz, S. H. Cook, Fred Konka and Ellsworth Oldrich, secretary.

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